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SEAWATER CO2

pCO₂ Data

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pCO₂ Data Discussion

During the late 1950's and early 1960's, Charles D. Keeling supervised the measurement of pCO_2 in surface ocean waters and in the atmosphere just above on a number of seagoing expeditions mounted by Scripps Institution of Oceanography. These expeditions ("cruises"), comprising long transects in the major oceans, were chosen to map the global features of surface ocean pCO_2 . Data from most of these cruises are presented here for the first time in detail (in the form of hourly averages). The data had been processed soon after the cruises and presented in several research articles as averages, over geographical areas, of the difference in CO_2 concentration between ocean and atmosphere (see References). This site contains data from the DOWNWIND cruise in 1957, the MONSOON cruise in 1961, and the long LUSIAD cruise in 1962 and 1963.

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Status of Data and Correspondence:

These data are subject to revision after further review of calculation methods and calibration issues. Questions about the data should be directed to Dr. Ralph Keeling (rkeeling@ucsd.edu) and Mr. Peter Guenther (pguenther@ucsd.edu), Scripps CO2 Program.

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